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INS 2A:

The bill provides that if an elector submits such a statement or encloses such an affidavit, the elector's ballot is marked in the same manner as a challenged ballot and the board of canvassers that determines the election or conducts a recount may review and determine the validity of the elector's ballot. The bill also provides that the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the elector's municipality of residence may investigate the qualifications of any elector who submits a statement or encloses an affidavit under the bill and advise the municipal board of canvassers or board of absentee ballot canvassers of his or her findings.

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~~INS 3-3~~ An elector who makes an oath or affirmation under subd. ¹ shall also sign a statement in the form prescribed by the board making the same affirmation. The inspectors ^{delete "s"} shall then write the words "Alternative identification" next to the elector's name on the poll list or other list maintained under this section and shall enter the elector's serial number on the back of the ballot before the ballot is given to the elector. The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners may investigate the qualifications of any elector who submits a statement under this ^{subdivision} ~~paragraph~~ and may advise the municipal board of canvassers of his or her findings. STET

INS 6-3:

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SECTION ~~6~~ 6.88 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.88 (3) (a) Except in municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, at any time between the opening and closing of the polls on election day, the inspectors shall, in the same room where votes are being cast, in such a manner that members of the public can hear and see the procedures, open the carrier

envelope only, and announce the name of the absent elector or the identification serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2). When the inspectors find that the certification has been properly executed, the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, and the applicant has not voted in the election, they shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. They shall then open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the certification thereon. The inspectors shall take out the ballot without unfolding it or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the inspectors shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If the poll list indicates that proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required and no proof of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the document that is provided is not the same as the name and address shown on the poll list, the inspectors shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). If the inspectors find that an elector has enclosed an affidavit under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 6., the inspectors shall mark the back of the elector's ballot with the serial number that corresponds to the elector's name on the poll list or other list maintained under s. 6.79 and shall enter on the list next to the name of the elector the words "Alternative identification". The inspectors shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter the absent elector's name or voting number after his or her name on the poll list in the same manner as if the elector had been present and voted in person.

History: 1971 c. 304 s. 29 (2); 1975 c. 85, 199; 1977 c. 394 ss. 43, 53; 1979 c. 232, 260; 1983 a. 183, 484; 1987 a. 391; 1999 a. 49, 182; 2001 a. 38, 109; 2003 a. 265; 2005 a. 451; 2011 a. 23, 75, 227.

SECTION 7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.08 (1) (c) Prescribe forms required by ss. 6.24 (3) and (4), 6.30 (4), 6.33 (1), 6.40 (1) (a), 6.47 (1) (am) 2. and (3), 6.55 (2), 6.79 (3) (c) 2., and 6.86 (2) to (3). All such

forms shall contain a statement of the penalty applicable to false or fraudulent registration or voting through use of the form. Forms are not required to be furnished by the board.

History: 1971 c. 242; 1973 c. 334 s. 6, 57; 1975 c. 85, 93, 94, 199; 1977 c. 29, 107, 394, 427; 1979 c. 89, 177, 260, 311; 1981 c. 377; 1983 a. 51, 484; 1985 a. 120, 304; 1989 a. 192; 1993 a. 140; 1995 a. 16 s. 2; 1997 a. 27; 1999 a. 49, 182; 2001 a. 16, 38, 107, 109; 2003 a. 265; 2005 a. 177, 278, 451; 2007 a. 1, 20, 96; 2009 a. 28; 2011 a. 23, 32, 45, 75, 227.

SECTION 3. 7.51 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

7.51 (2) (cm) The board of canvassers may review the validity of any ballot submitted with a statement under s. 6.79 (3) (c) 2. or any ballot with an affidavit enclosed under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 6. in the same manner as provided for challenged ballots under s. 6.95.

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SECTION 4. 7.52 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.52 (3) (a) The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall first open the carrier envelope only, and, in such a manner that a member of the public, if he or she desired, could hear, announce the name of the absent elector or the identification serial number of the absent elector if the elector has a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2). When the board of absentee ballot canvassers finds that the certification has been properly executed and the applicant is a qualified elector of the ward or election district, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall enter an indication on the poll list next to the applicant's name indicating an absentee ballot is cast by the elector. The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall then open the envelope containing the ballot in a manner so as not to deface or destroy the certification thereon. The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall take out the ballot without unfolding it or permitting it to be unfolded or examined. Unless the ballot is cast under s. 6.95, the

board of absentee ballot canvassers shall verify that the ballot has been endorsed by the issuing clerk. If the poll list indicates that proof of residence is required and no proof of residence is enclosed or the name or address on the document that is provided is not the same as the name and address shown on the poll list, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall proceed as provided under s. 6.97 (2). If the ^{board of} absentee ballot [^] board of canvassers finds that any elector has enclosed an affidavit under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 6., the inspector shall mark the back of the elector's ballot with the serial number that corresponds to the elector's name on the poll list and shall enter on the poll list next to the name of the elector the words "Alternative identification". The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall mark the poll list number of each elector who casts an absentee ballot on the back of the elector's ballot. The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall then deposit the ballot into the proper ballot box and enter the absent elector's name or poll list number after his or her name on the poll list.

History: 2005 a. 451; 2011 a. 23, 75, 115, 227.

SECTION 5. 7.52 (4) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:

7.52 (4) (cm) The board of absentee ballot canvassers may review the validity of any absentee ballot with an affidavit enclosed under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 6. in the same manner as provided for challenged ballots under s. 6.95.

~~SECTION 6. Initial applicability.~~

~~(a)~~ The treatment of sections 6.79 (2) (a) and (3) (c), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (1) (ac) and (3) (a) 1., 6.87 (2) (intro.) and (4) (b) 6., 6.88 (3) (a), 7.08 (1) (c), 7.51 (2) (cm) and (5) (b), and ~~7.52 (3) (a)~~ of the statutes first applies with respect to proof of identification required for elections held on the 60th day beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

It relates to the exemption of certain electors from the requirement to present proof of identification?



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2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 202

May 16, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives PRIDEMORE, TITTL, BIES, KLEEFISCH and WEININGER. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 7.41 (1), 7.41 (2) and 7.41 (3) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes;
2 relating to: certification of election observers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any member of the public may be present at a polling place, a designated alternative absentee ballot site, or at the office of a municipal clerk to observe an election and the absentee voting process. Current law permits the chief inspector or municipal clerk to designate areas within the polling place, alternate site, or municipal office from which members of the public may observe, provided those observation areas permit the members of the public to readily observe all public aspects of the voting process. The chief inspector at any polling place or the municipal clerk may limit the number of observers representing the same organization who are permitted to observe the election or absentee voting process at the same time.

This bill requires the chief inspector and the municipal clerk to designate an observation area for election observers that is within three feet of the table at which electors announce their name and address to be issued a voter number and within three feet of the table at which a person may register to vote. Under the bill, the chief inspector or municipal clerk may permit an election observer to sit at either table, provided the observer is not permitted to observe confidential information. The bill

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also requires each election observer to print his or her name and sign and date a log maintained for the polling place.

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SECTION 1. 7.41 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.41 (1) Any member of the public may be present at any polling place, in the office of any municipal clerk whose office is located in a public building on any day that absentee ballots may be cast in that office, or at an alternate site under s. 6.855 on any day that absentee ballots may be cast at that site for the purpose of observation of an election and the absentee ballot voting process, except a candidate whose name appears on the ballot at the polling place or on an absentee ballot to be cast at the clerk's office or alternate site at that election. The chief inspector or municipal clerk may reasonably limit the number of persons representing the same organization who are permitted to observe under this subsection at the same time. Each person permitted to observe under this subsection shall print his or her name in and sign and date a log maintained by the chief inspector or municipal clerk for that polling place, office, or alternate site.

SECTION 2. 7.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.41 (2) The chief inspector or municipal clerk may restrict the location of any individual exercising the right under sub. (1) to certain areas within a polling place, the clerk's office, or alternate site under s. 6.855. The chief inspector or municipal clerk shall clearly designate such an area as an observation area. Designated observation areas for election observers under sub. (1). The observation areas shall be within 3 feet of the table at which electors announce their name and address to be issued a voter number at the polling place, office, or alternate site and within 3

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1 feet of the table at which a person may register to vote at the polling place, office, or
2 alternate site. The chief inspector or municipal clerk may permit an election
3 observer to sit at either of the tables, provided the election observer is not permitted
4 to observe confidential information. The observation areas shall be so positioned to
5 permit any ~~authorized individual~~ election observer to readily observe all public
6 aspects of the voting process.

7 **SECTION 3.** 7.41 (3) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

8 7.41 (3) (intro.) The chief inspector or municipal clerk may order the removal
9 of any individual exercising the right under sub. (1) if that individual commits an
10 overt act which does any of the following:

11 (a) Disrupts the operation of the polling place, clerk's office, or alternate site
12 under s. 6.855; or,

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Corporations, cooperatives, and other entities; limited political activity

Under current law, corporations and cooperatives are prohibited from making contributions or disbursements (expenditures) in campaigns for state or local office. Violators are subject to a forfeiture (civil penalty) of not more than \$500 for each violation. Intentional violators are guilty of a Class I felony, which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than three and one-half years, or both, except that if a violation involves \$100 or less, the violation is punishable as a misdemeanor with a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. A recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court casts doubt upon whether this law is enforceable as it applies to disbursements. See *Citizens United v. F.E.C.*, 130 S. Ct. 876 (2010). Current law also provides that if an individual other than a candidate or an organization that is not organized primarily for political purposes does not engage in express advocacy with respect to a clearly identified candidate or referendum question and does not make any contributions, the individual or entity is exempt from registration and reporting requirements.
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This bill deletes the current prohibition on disbursements by corporations and cooperatives.



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1 **AN ACT to amend** 6.79 (2) (a), 6.82 (1) (a), 6.86 (1) (ac), 6.86 (3) (a) 1., 6.87 (2)
2 (intro.) and 7.51 (5) (b); and **to create** 6.79 (3) (c) and 6.87 (4) (b) 6. of the
3 statutes; **relating to:** exemption of certain electors from the requirement to
4 present proof of identification when voting in an election.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with certain exceptions, an elector who votes in an election must present proof of identification in order to vote. The proof may consist of one of a number of documents specified by law that contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, which name conforms to the individual's voter registration, if the individual is registered to vote, and with limited exceptions, that contains a photograph of the individual. With certain exceptions, an elector who casts an absentee ballot by mail must enclose a copy of his or her proof of identification in the envelope containing his or her ballot. One form of acceptable proof of identification is a Wisconsin driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation. An individual who applies for a Wisconsin operator's license or identification card may be exempted from the current requirement to be photographed under narrowly defined circumstances.

The bill also
This bill exempts an elector from the requirement to provide proof of identification if the elector appears at the polling place serving his or her residence on election day and swears or affirms before ~~one of the inspectors~~ either that: 1) he or she is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without payment of a fee; or 2) ~~that~~ he or she has a religious objection to being photographed. Alternatively,

the chief inspector and submits a signed statement affirming that

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if the elector votes by absentee ballot, the bill exempts the elector from the requirement to enclose a copy of his proof of identification if the elector encloses in the envelope with the absentee ballot an affidavit affirming either that 1) he or she is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without payment of a fee; or 2) he or she has a religious exemption to being photographed. (NS 2A) (STET)

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.79 (2) (a) Unless information on the poll list is entered electronically, the
3 municipal clerk shall supply the inspectors with 2 copies of the most current official
4 registration list or lists prepared under s. 6.36 (2) (a) for use as poll lists at the polling
5 place. Except as provided in subs. (3) (b) and (c), (6), and (7), each eligible elector,
6 before receiving a serial number, shall state his or her full name and address and
7 present to the officials proof of identification. The officials shall verify that the name
8 on the proof of identification presented by the elector conforms to the name on the
9 poll list or separate list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that
10 document reasonably resembles the elector. The officials shall then require the
11 elector to enter his or her signature on the poll list, supplemental list, or separate list
12 maintained under par. (c) unless the elector is exempt from the signature
13 requirement under s. 6.36 (2) (a). The officials shall verify that the name and address
14 stated by the elector conform to the elector's name and address on the poll list.

15 **SECTION 2.** 6.79 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

16 6.79 (3) (c) An elector who is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification
17 without payment of a fee or an elector who has a religious objection to being
18 photographed may, as an alternative to presenting proof of identification, swear or
19 affirm in an oath administered by one of the inspectors either that:

the chief inspector

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if the elector votes by absentee ballot, the bill exempts the elector from the requirement to enclose a copy of his proof of identification if the elector encloses in the envelope with the absentee ballot an affidavit affirming either that: 1) he or she is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without payment of a fee; or 2) he or she has a religious exemption to being photographed.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. 6.79 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

6.79 (3) (c) ^{1.} An elector who is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without payment of a fee or an elector who has a religious objection to being photographed may, as an alternative to presenting proof of identification, swear or affirm in an oath administered by ^{the chief inspector} ~~one of the inspectors~~ either that:

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2 a. The elector is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without
payment of a fee; or

3 b. The elector has a religious objection to being photographed.

4 SECTION 3. 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an eligible elector is at the
6 entrance to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling
7 place, they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any
8 individual selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that
9 employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.
10 Except as authorized in s. 6.79 (3) (b) and (c), (6), and (7), the individual selected by
11 the elector shall present to the inspectors proof of identification and, if the proof of
12 identification does not constitute proof of residence under s. 6.34, shall also provide
13 proof of residence under s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all
14 other information necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The
15 inspectors shall verify that the name on the proof of identification presented by the
16 person assisting the elector conforms to the elector's name on the poll list or separate
17 list and shall verify that any photograph appearing on that document reasonably
18 resembles the elector. The inspectors shall then issue a ballot to the individual
19 selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual to the polling place
20 entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a paper ballot, the
21 assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked by the assisting
22 individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the ballot into the
23 polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall distinctly
24 announce that he or she has "a ballot offered by (stating person's name), an elector
25 who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without assistance".

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1 The inspector shall then ask, "Does anyone object to the reception of this ballot?" If
2 no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector's name under s. 6.79 and
3 deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll list: "Ballot
4 received at poll entrance".

5 **SECTION ~~6~~ 6.86** (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application
7 to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or
8 electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph need not contain a copy of the
9 applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this paragraph
10 shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original signature
11 of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4). Except as authorized in ss. 6.87 (4) (b) 2. to
12 ~~5. 6.~~ and 6.875 (6), and notwithstanding s. 343.43 (1) (f), the elector shall transmit
13 a copy of his or her proof of identification in the manner provided in s. 6.87 (1) unless
14 the elector is a military elector or an overseas elector or the elector has a confidential
15 listing under s. 6.47 (2).

16 **SECTION ~~6~~ 6.86** (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (3) (a) 1. Any elector who is registered and who is hospitalized, may apply
18 for and obtain an official ballot by agent. The agent may apply for and obtain a ballot
19 for the hospitalized absent elector by presenting a form prescribed by the board and
20 containing the required information supplied by the hospitalized elector and signed
21 by that elector, unless the elector is unable to sign due to physical disability. In this
22 case, the elector may authorize another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any
23 elector signing an application on another elector's behalf shall attest to a statement
24 that the application is made on request and by authorization of the named elector,
25 who is unable to sign the application due to physical disability. The agent shall

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1 present this statement along with all other information required under this
2 subdivision. Except as authorized for an elector who has a confidential listing under
3 s. 6.47 (2) or as authorized under s. 6.87 (4) (b) 4. or 6., the agent shall present any
4 proof of identification required under sub. (1) (ar). The form shall include a space for
5 the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that the
6 agent presented proof of identification to the clerk on behalf of the elector.

7 **SECTION 6.** 6.87 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 6.87 (2) (intro.) Except as authorized under sub. (3) (d), the municipal clerk
9 shall place the ballot in an unsealed envelope furnished by the clerk. The envelope
10 shall have the name, official title and post-office address of the clerk upon its face.
11 The other side of the envelope shall have a printed certificate which shall include a
12 space for the municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating
13 that, except as authorized in sub. (4) (b) 6., if the absentee elector voted in person
14 under s. 6.86 (1) (ar), the elector presented proof of identification to the clerk and the
15 clerk verified the proof presented. The certificate shall also include a space for the
16 municipal clerk or deputy clerk to enter his or her initials indicating that the elector
17 is exempt from providing proof of identification because the individual is a military
18 or overseas elector or is exempted from providing proof of identification under sub.
19 (4) (b) 2. ~~or~~ 3., or 6. The certificate shall be in substantially the following form:

20 **SECTION 7.** 6.87 (4) (b) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

21 6.87 (4) (b) 6. An elector who is indigent and cannot obtain proof of
22 identification without payment of a fee or an elector who has a religious objection to
23 being photographed may, as an alternative to presenting or enclosing a copy of proof
24 of identification, enclose in his or her absentee ballot envelope an affidavit affirming
25 either that:

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1 a. The elector is indigent and cannot obtain proof of identification without
2 payment of a fee; or

3 b. The elector has a religious objection to being photographed.

4 **SECTION 8.** 7.51 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 7.51 (5) (b) The municipal clerk shall deliver all ballots, statements, tally
6 sheets, lists, and envelopes, and affidavits relating to a school district election to the
7 school district clerk, excluding any absentee ballots that are received after the
8 closing hour on election night and any provisional ballots, by 4 p.m. on the day
9 following each such election and shall deliver to the school district clerk any amended
10 statements, tally sheets, affidavits, and lists for additional provisional and absentee
11 ballots canvassed under s. 6.97 (4) or 7.515 (6) (b) no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday
12 after the election. The municipal clerk shall deliver to the county clerk the ballots,
13 statements, tally sheets, lists, and envelopes, and affidavits for his or her
14 municipality relating to any county, technical college district, state, or national
15 election no later than 4 p.m. on the day following each such election or, in
16 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, by 4 p.m. on the
17 2nd day following each such election, and shall deliver to the county clerk any
18 additional provisional and absentee ballots canvassed under s. 6.97 (4) or 7.515 (6)
19 (b) together with amended statements, tally sheets, lists, and envelopes, and
20 affidavits no later than 4 p.m. on the Monday after the election. The person
21 delivering the returns shall be paid out of the municipal treasury. Each clerk shall
22 retain ballots, statements, tally sheets, or envelopes received by the clerk until
23 ~~destruction is authorized under s. 7.23 (1).~~

24 **SECTION 9. Initial applicability.**

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INS 3A:

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STET The bill ^{also} permits a corporation ^{or} cooperative to make independent disbursements or to make contributions to a committee that ^{only} makes independent disbursements. Under the bill, if a corporation ^{or} cooperative, as well as ^{any} other entity, is not organized exclusively for political purposes and does not make any contributions other than to committees that ^{only} make independent disbursements and does not make any disbursements or incur any obligations other than for the purpose of making independent disbursements, the entity is not subject to registration and reporting requirements under current law, including requirements to disclose sources, dates, and amounts of income and certain information about donors, creditors, and payees. However, any ^{such} entity that makes one or more independent disbursements in an amount or value exceeding \$750 in the aggregate during a calendar year must register with the appropriate filing officer, file reports concerning the independent disbursements, and include an attribution on communications financed by the independent disbursements. If an entity is subject to the registration requirement created by the bill, the entity must also file periodic and special reports with the appropriate filing officer disclosing the amount of each independent disbursement, the date on which it is made, and the name of the candidate or candidates ^{on} behalf ^{or} in opposition to whom the disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or opposition. If an entity makes one or more independent disbursements with respect to an election later than 15 days before the election, the reports must include the identity of any donor to the entity who made a donation specifically in support of the independent disbursement.

INS 42-2:

SECTION ~~11~~ 11.01 (18m) of the statutes is amended to read:

11.01 (18m) "Registrant" means an individual or organization registered

STET under s. 11.05 ^{or} ~~11.05~~ with a filing officer.

History: 1973 c. 334; 1975 c. 93, 199; 1977 c. 187, 427; 1979 c. 260, 263; 1979 c. 328 ss. 12 to 28, 146; 1979 c. 355 s. 31; 1983 a. 484, 491; 1985 a. 303; 1987 a. 370, 391; 1989 a. 192; 1993 a. 112; 1999 a. 83; 2001 a. 103, 109; 2005 a. 177; 2007 a. 42.

INS 43-17:

SECTION ~~11~~ 11.05 (11g) of the statutes is created to read:

11.05 (11g) LIMITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY EXEMPT. If a committee is not subject to a reporting requirement under s. 11.06 (1g),[✓] the committee is not subject to a registration requirement under this section.

INS 44-13:

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SECTION ~~11.501~~ 11.501 of the statutes is created to read:

11.051 Registration of committees not organized exclusively for political purposes. (1) If a committee is not organized exclusively for political purposes and the committee makes one or more independent disbursements in a total amount or value exceeding \$750 in the aggregate during a calendar year, the committee shall file a registration statement with the appropriate filing officer before making any independent disbursements exceeding that amount or value.

(2) A registrant under sub. (1) shall file with its statement under sub. (1) an oath on a form prescribed by the board affirming its independence from any candidate or candidate's agent or authorized committee^⑥

(3) A registrant under sub. (1) shall file its registration statement on a form prescribed by the board, which shall include the name and mailing address of the committee, the identity of the custodian of records and the address where records are kept, and the name and address of a financial institution at which the committee has established an account and from which the committee makes the independent disbursements.

INS 45-3:

SECTION ~~11.06~~ 11.06 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:

11.06 (1g) LIMITED ~~P~~^{OLITICAL} ACTIVITY EXEMPT. If a committee is not organized exclusively for political purposes and the committee does not make any contributions other than to independent disbursement committees and does not make any disbursements or incur any obligations other than for the purpose of making independent disbursements, the committee is not subject to a reporting requirement under this section or s. 11.12 (5) or (6).✓

INS 45-19:

SECTION ~~11~~^{11.061} of the statutes is created to read:

11.061 Financial reports and communications; committees not
organized exclusively for political purposes. (1) A registrant under s. 11.051 that makes one or more independent disbursements shall file reports with the appropriate filing officer showing the amount of each independent disbursement, the date on which it is made, and the name of the candidate or candidates ⁱⁿ on whose behalf or in opposition to whom the disbursement is made, indicating whether the purpose is support or opposition. During the ~~time~~^{period} specified in s. 11.12 (6), the registrant shall file the reports within 72 hours after the independent disbursement is made or if the independent disbursement is made for a communication to the general public, within 72 hours after the communication is made. During the ~~time~~^{period} specified in s. 11.12 (6), the registrant shall file the reports within 24 hours after the disbursement is made or if the disbursement is made for a communication to the general public, within 72 hours after the communication is made. The reports shall include the identity of any donor to the committee who made a donation to the committee specifically in support of the independent disbursement.

(2) A committee that makes one or more independent disbursements under sub. (1) shall include in each communication financed by an independent disbursement an oral or written attribution identifying the committee with the words "Paid for by" followed by the name of the committee and the words "Not authorized by any candidate or political party or their respective agents.".

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SECTION 56. 11.38 (title) and (1) (a) 1. of the statutes are amended to read:

11.38 (title) Contributions and disbursements by corporations and cooperatives, ~~certain associations, and other entities.~~ (1) (a) 1. No foreign or domestic corporation, or association organized under ch. 185 or 193, may make any contribution ~~or disbursement~~, directly or indirectly, ~~either independently or through any political party, committee, group, candidate or individual for any purpose other than to promote or defeat a referendum~~ except to an individual or group for the purpose of advocating the adoption or rejection of a referendum question or to an independent disbursement committee.

SECTION 57. 11.38 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is repealed.

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5.02 (6m) (g) of the statutes is created to read:
5.02 (19) of the statutes is amended to read:
5.052 (3) (a) to (e) of the statutes are amended to read:
5.15 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
5.35 (6) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
5.90 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.15 (2) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.29 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.34 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.34 (3) (a) 8. of the statutes is amended to read:
6.34 (3) (a) 12. of the statutes is created to read:
6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.36 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
6.79 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.79 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.86 (1) (bb) of the statutes is created to read:
6.86 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
6.87 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.87 (4) (b) 6. of the statutes is created to read:
6.87 (6d) of the statutes is created to read:
6.88 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
6.97 (3) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 6.97 (3) (b) 1. and amended to read:
7.08 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.30 (2) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:
7.41 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.41 (3) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:
7.51 (2) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:
7.51 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.51 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.52 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
7.52 (4) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:
7.52 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
8.05 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
8.05 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:
8.06 of the statutes is amended to read:
8.065 of the statutes is created to read:
8.50 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

-1763/P5	8.50 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	8.50 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	8.50 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	8.50 (4) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	8.50 (4) (f) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:
-1763/P5	9.01 (1) (ag) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	9.01 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	9.01 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	9.10 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	9.10 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	9.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 9.20 (4) (intro.) and amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (11g) and (11r) of the statutes are created to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (16) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (16) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (16) (a) 1. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (16) (b) of the statutes renumbered 11.01 (16) (b) (intro.) and is amended
-1763/P5	11.01 (16) (b) 1. of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.01 (18m) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 11.05 (8) (intro.) and amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (11g) of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.05 (12) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.051 of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.06 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.06 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.06 (1g) of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.061 of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.09 of the statutes is repealed.
-1763/P5	11.12 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.12 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.12 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.16 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.19 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.23 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.25 (4) of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.33 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
-1763/P5	11.38 (title) and (1) (a) 1. of the statutes are amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.38 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	11.38 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.
-1763/P5	13.625 (1) (c) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	17.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	17.18 of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	24.66 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	24.66 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

-1771/P3	32.72 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	38.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	38.16 (3) (br) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	59.08 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	59.605 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	60.62 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	60.74 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	61.187 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	61.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	62.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	62.13 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	64.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	64.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0101 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0211 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0213 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0215 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0217 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0217 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0217 (7) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0219 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0225 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0227 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0305 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0307 (4) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0602 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0619 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0815 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.0921 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.1103 (10) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.1113 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	66.1113 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.05 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.
-1771/P3	67.05 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.
-1771/P3	67.05 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.05 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.05 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 67.05 (5) (b) 1. and amended to read
-1771/P3	67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.05 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.10 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.12 (12) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	67.12 (12) (e) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	82.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	86.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	92.11 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

-1771/P3	119.48 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	119.48 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	119.49 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	119.49 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	120.13 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1763/P5	121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	197.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	197.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	197.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	198.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
-1771/P3	Section 67. Initial applicability.
-1763/P5	Section 86. Initial applicability.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 67.05 (3) (a) 2. and 67.05 (3) (a) 4.; *to renumber and amend*
2 9.20 (4) and 67.05 (5) (b); *to amend* 5.02 (19), 7.15 (2) (d), 7.52 (8), 8.05 (3) (d),
3 8.05 (3) (e), 8.06, 24.66 (3) (b), 24.66 (4), 32.72 (1), 38.15 (1), 38.16 (3) (br) 1.,
4 59.08 (7) (b), 59.605 (3) (a) 1., 60.62 (2), 60.74 (5) (b), 61.187 (1), 61.46 (1), 62.09
5 (1) (a), 62.13 (6) (b), 64.03 (1), 64.39 (3), 66.0101 (8), 66.0211 (1), 66.0213 (6),
6 66.0215 (2), 66.0217 (3) (b), 66.0217 (7) (a) 3., 66.0217 (7) (d), 66.0219 (4) (b),
7 66.0225 (2), 66.0227 (3), 66.0305 (6) (b), 66.0307 (4) (e) 2., 66.0602 (4) (a),
8 66.0619 (2m) (b), 66.0815 (1) (c), 66.0921 (2), 66.1103 (10) (d), 66.1113 (2) (g),
9 66.1113 (2) (h), 67.05 (3) (f), 67.05 (4), 67.05 (5) (a), 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a., 67.05 (6m)
10 (b), 67.10 (5) (b), 67.12 (12) (e) 2., 67.12 (12) (e) 5., 82.03 (2) (b), 86.21 (2) (a), 92.11
11 (4) (c), 117.20 (2), 119.48 (4) (b), 119.48 (4) (c), 119.49 (1) (b), 119.49 (2), 121.91

- 1 (3) (a), 197.04 (1) (b), 197.04 (2), 197.10 (2) and 198.19 (1); and **to create** 8.065
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** scheduling of referendums.
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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Scheduling of referendums

Currently, a local government may schedule, or may be required to schedule, a referendum to be held under various laws for various purposes. These purposes include to apply for a state trust fund loan, to approve the issuance of bonds, to exceed an applicable levy limit, or to annex territory. In some cases, a referendum must be held at a special election scheduled for that purpose. In other cases, a referendum may be held concurrently with a specified election, such as the spring election. In still other cases, a referendum may be held with any election or at a special election scheduled for that purpose. Current law occasionally requires the local government to schedule a referendum within a specified period of time after a precipitating action, such as two months after the filing of a petition or application or no sooner than 42 days after the filing of a resolution. Although more restrictive limitations do apply, current law generally requires any measure or question to be submitted to a vote of the people, and any petition requesting that a measure or question be submitted to a vote of the people, to be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots for the election no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the measure or question will appear on the ballot.

This bill provides that a local governmental unit may schedule a referendum only concurrently with a spring primary (held in most election districts in each year), a spring election (held in each year), a partisan primary (held on the second Tuesday in August in an even-numbered year), or a general election (held in even-numbered years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November) or at a special election held to fill vacancies. The bill generally permits a referendum to be held at any of the specified elections, including the next available election following the precipitating action if holding the referendum at that election would be consistent with any applicable restrictions on the number of days that must pass after a precipitating action or the general provision that a measure, question, or petition be filed with the official or agency responsible for preparing the ballots no later than 70 days prior to the election at which the measure or question will appear on the ballot.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 3 **SECTION 1.** 5.02 (19) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 5.02 (19) “Special election” means any election, other than those described in
2 subs. (5), ~~(18)~~ (12s), (21) and (22), to fill vacancies ~~or to conduct a referendum.~~

3 **SECTION 2.** 7.15 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 7.15 (2) (d) Whenever the governing body of any municipality submits any
5 question to a vote of the electors or whenever a proper recall petition and certificate
6 are filed under s. 9.10, the municipal clerk shall issue a call for the election and
7 prepare and distribute ballots as required in the authorization of submission or as
8 provided in s. 9.10. The date of the referendum shall be ~~fixed~~ established in
9 accordance with ss. 8.065 and 8.37 and shall be determined by the municipal clerk
10 or board of election commissioners unless otherwise provided by law or unless the
11 governing body ~~fixes a~~ determines the date. If the governing body determines the
12 date, the date shall be established in accordance with ss. 8.065 and 8.37. The ballot
13 for any referendum shall conform to s. 5.64 (2). If there is already an official
14 municipal referendum ballot for the election, the question may appear on the same
15 ballot.

16 **SECTION 3.** 7.52 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 7.52 (8) The board of absentee ballot canvassers shall make full and accurate
18 return of the votes cast for each candidate and proposition on the tally sheet forms.
19 Each tally sheet shall record the returns for each office or referendum by ward,
20 unless combined returns are authorized in accordance with s. 5.15 (6) (b), in which
21 case the tally sheet shall record the returns for each group of combined wards. After
22 recording the votes, the board of absentee ballot canvassers shall seal in a carrier
23 envelope outside the ballot bag or container one inspector’s statement under sub. (4)
24 (d), one tally sheet, and one poll list for delivery to the county clerk, unless the
25 election relates only to municipal or school district offices ~~or referenda.~~ The board

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1 of absentee ballot canvassers shall also similarly seal one statement, one tally sheet,
2 and one poll list for delivery to the municipal clerk.

3 **SECTION 4.** 8.05 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 8.05 (3) (d) The question of adoption of the nonpartisan primary under this
5 subsection may be submitted to the electors at ~~any regular~~ an election authorized
6 under s. 8.065 (2) to be held in the town or at a special election called for the purpose.
7 When a petition requesting adoption of the nonpartisan primary conforming to the
8 requirements of s. 8.40 and signed by at least 20 electors of the town is filed with the
9 town clerk as provided in s. 8.37, the question shall be submitted to a vote.

10 **SECTION 5.** 8.05 (3) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 8.05 (3) (e) Petitions requesting a vote on the question at a regular town
12 election shall be filed in accordance with s. 8.37 no later than 5 p.m. the last Tuesday
13 in February. When the petition is filed, the clerk shall check its sufficiency. ~~Whether~~
14 ~~at a regular or special election, the~~ The clerk shall give separate notice by one
15 publication in a newspaper at least 5 days before the election.

16 **SECTION 6.** 8.06 of the statutes is amended to read:

17 **8.06 Special elections may be called.** Towns, cities, villages, and school
18 districts may call special elections for any purpose whenever such action is
19 authorized or required by law. If an, and may include a call for a special referendum.
20 A special election is called that includes a call for a special referendum, ~~the election~~
21 shall be noticed under s. 8.55.

22 **SECTION 7.** 8.065 of the statutes is created to read:

23 **8.065 Scheduling of referendums.** (1) In this section, "Local governmental
24 unit" means a political subdivision of this state, a special purpose district in this
25 state, an instrumentality or corporation of such a political subdivision or special

1 purpose district, a combination or subunit of any of the foregoing, or an
2 instrumentality of the state and any of the foregoing.

3 (2) Unless otherwise required by law, a referendum held by any local
4 governmental unit that is authorized or required by law to hold a referendum may
5 be held only concurrently with the spring primary, spring election, partisan primary,
6 or general election or with a special election.

7 SECTION 8. 9.20 (4) of the statutes is renumbered 9.20 (4) (intro.) and amended
8 to read:

9 9.20 (4) (intro.) The common council or village board shall, without alteration,
10 either pass to the ordinance or resolution, do one of the following:

11 (a) Pass the ordinance or resolution within 30 days following the date of the
12 clerk's final certificate, ~~or submit it.~~

13 (b) Submit the ordinance or resolution to the electors at the next spring or
14 general election, if the election is more than 6 weeks after the date of the council's
15 or board's action on the petition or the expiration of the 30-day period, whichever
16 first occurs.

17 (c) If there are 6 weeks or less before the election, the ordinance or resolution
18 shall be voted on at the next succeeding election ~~thereafter. The council or board by~~
19 ~~a three-fourths vote of the members-elect may order a special election for the~~
20 ~~purpose of voting on the ordinance or resolution at any time prior to the next election,~~
21 ~~but not more than one special election for direct legislation may be ordered in any~~
22 ~~6-month period~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

23 SECTION 9. 24.66 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 24.66 (3) (b) *For long-term loans by unified school districts.* Every application
25 for a loan, the required repayment of which exceeds 10 years, shall be approved and

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1 authorized for a unified school district by a majority vote of the members of the school
2 board at a regular or special meeting of the school board. Every vote so required shall
3 be by ayes and noes duly recorded. In addition, the application shall be approved for
4 a unified school district by a majority vote of the electors of the school district at ~~a~~
5 ~~special~~ an election as provided under sub. (4).

6 **SECTION 10.** 24.66 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 24.66 (4) POPULAR VOTE, WHEN REQUIRED. If any municipality is not empowered
8 by law to incur indebtedness for a particular purpose without first submitting the
9 question to its electors, the application for a state trust fund loan for that purpose
10 must be approved and authorized by a majority vote of the electors at ~~a special~~ an
11 ~~election called,~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and noticed and held in the manner
12 provided for other ~~special elections~~ referendums. The question to be voted on shall
13 be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The notice of the ~~election~~ referendum shall state the
14 amount of the proposed loan and the purpose for which it will be used.

15 **SECTION 11.** 32.72 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 32.72 (1) Sections 32.50 to 32.71 do not take effect in any city until the following
17 question is submitted to the electors of the city at ~~a special~~ an election, authorized
18 under s. 8.065 (2), and adopted by a majority vote of the electors voting: "Shall
19 subchapter II of chapter 32, Wisconsin Statutes, be effective in the city of,
20 thus allowing the city to acquire and condemn property for street widening and
21 similar purposes, financed through assessments of benefits and damages?". The
22 question shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

23 **SECTION 12.** 38.15 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 38.15 (1) Subject to sub. (3), if the district board intends to make a capital
25 expenditure in excess of \$1,500,000, excluding moneys received from gifts, grants or

1 federal funds, for the acquisition of sites,; the purchase or construction of buildings,;
2 the lease/purchase of buildings if costs exceed \$1,500,000 for the lifetime of the lease,;
3 building additions or enlargements; or the purchase of fixed equipment relating to
4 any such activity, it shall adopt a resolution stating its intention to do so and
5 identifying the anticipated source of revenue for each project and shall submit the
6 resolution to the electors of the district for approval. The referendum may be held
7 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and shall be noticed, called, and
8 conducted as provided in s. 67.05 (3) insofar as applicable. For the purposes of this
9 section, all projects located on a single campus site within one district which are bid
10 concurrently or which are approved by the board under s. 38.04 (10) within a 2-year
11 period shall be considered as one capital expenditure project.

12 **SECTION 13.** 38.16 (3) (br) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 38.16 (3) (br) 1. If a district board wishes to exceed the limit under par. (b)
14 otherwise applicable to the district in 2011 or 2012, it shall adopt a resolution
15 supporting inclusion in the final district budget of an amount equal to the proposed
16 excess levy. The resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after
17 adopting the resolution, the district board shall submit a copy of the resolution to the
18 board and shall notify the board of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit~~
19 ~~a copy of the resolution to the board. The district board shall call a special~~
20 ~~referendum to be called~~ for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors
21 of the district for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the district~~
22 ~~board may specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding
23 ~~spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election~~
24 ~~is to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 42 days after

1 the filing of the resolution of the district board. The district board shall certify the
2 results of the referendum to the board within 10 days after the referendum is held.

3 **SECTION 14.** 59.08 (7) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 59.08 (7) (b) The question of the consolidation of the counties shall be submitted
5 to the voters at the next election ~~to be held on the first Tuesday in April, or the next~~
6 ~~regular election, or at a special election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) to be held on
7 ~~the day fixed in a date specified in the order issued under par. (a), which day date~~
8 shall be no sooner than 70 days from the completion of the consolidation agreement
9 and which date shall be the same in each of the counties proposing to consolidate.

10 A copy of the order shall be filed with the county clerk of each of the counties as
11 provided in s. 8.37. ~~If the question of consolidation is submitted at a special election,~~
12 ~~it shall be held not less than 70 days nor more than 88 days from the completion of~~
13 ~~the consolidation agreement, but not within 60 days of any spring or general election.~~

14 **SECTION 15.** 59.605 (3) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 59.605 (3) (a) 1. If the governing body of a county wishes to exceed the operating
16 levy rate limit otherwise applicable to the county under this section, it shall adopt
17 a resolution to that effect. The resolution shall specify either the operating levy rate
18 or the operating levy that the governing body wishes to impose for either a specified
19 number of years or an indefinite period. The governing body shall ~~call a special~~
20 ~~referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the county~~
21 ~~for approval or rejection. In lieu of a special referendum, the governing body may~~
22 ~~specify that~~ provide for the referendum to be held at the next succeeding spring
23 ~~primary or election or partisan primary or general election to be held~~ authorized
24 under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier than 70 days after the adoption of the

1 resolution of the governing body. The governing body shall file the resolution to be
2 submitted to the electors as provided in s. 8.37.

3 **SECTION 16.** 60.62 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 60.62 (2) If the county in which the town is located has enacted a zoning
5 ordinance under s. 59.69, the exercise of the authority under sub. (1) is subject to
6 approval by the town meeting or by a referendum vote of the electors of the town to
7 be held at the time of any regular or special an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

8 The question for the referendum vote shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37.

9 **SECTION 17.** 60.74 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 60.74 (5) (b) A petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by
11 qualified electors of the district equal to at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the vote cast for
12 governor in the district at the last gubernatorial election, and requesting a change
13 to appointment of commissioners, may be submitted to the town board, subject to
14 sub. (5m) (a). The petition shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. Upon receipt of the
15 petition, the town board shall submit the question to the electors at a referendum to
16 be held at the next regular spring election or general election, or shall call a special
17 an election for that purpose authorized under s. 8.065 (2). The inspectors shall count
18 the votes and submit a statement of the results to the commission. The commission
19 shall canvass the results of the election and certify the results to the town board
20 which has authority to appoint commissioners.

21 **SECTION 18.** 61.187 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 61.187 (1) PROCEDURE. Whenever a petition conforming to the requirements
23 of s. 8.40, signed by at least one-third as many electors of any village as voted for
24 village officers at the next preceding election for village officers in that village, shall
25 be presented to the village board, and filed as provided in s. 8.37, praying for

1 dissolution of the village, the village board shall submit to the electors of the village
2 the question whether or not the village shall be dissolved. The question shall be
3 determined by ballot, in substantially the manner provided by ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02,
4 at ~~a general~~ an election ~~or at a special election called by the village board for that~~
5 ~~purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

6 **SECTION 19.** 61.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 61.46 (1) GENERAL; LIMITATION. The village board shall, on or before December
8 15 in each year, by resolution to be entered of record, determine the amount of
9 corporation taxes to be levied and assessed on the taxable property in such village
10 for the current year. Before levying any tax for any specified purpose, exceeding one
11 percent of the assessed valuation aforesaid, the village board shall, and in all other
12 cases may in its discretion, submit the question of levying the same to the village
13 electors at ~~any general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) by giving
14 10 days' notice thereof prior to such election by publication in a newspaper published
15 in the village, if any, and if there is none, then by posting notices in 3 public places
16 in said village, setting forth in such notices the object and purposes for which such
17 taxes are to be raised and the amount of the proposed tax. The village board shall
18 file the question as provided in s. 8.37.

19 **SECTION 20.** 62.09 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 62.09 (1) (a) The officers shall be a mayor, treasurer, clerk, comptroller,
21 attorney, engineer, one or more assessors unless the city is assessed by a county
22 assessor under s. 70.99, one or more constables as determined by the common
23 council, a local health officer, as defined in s. 250.01 (5), or local board of health, as
24 defined in s. 250.01 (3), street commissioner, board of police and fire commissioners
25 except in cities where not applicable, chief of police except in a city where it is not

1 applicable, chief of the fire department except in a city where it is not applicable, chief
2 of a combined protective services department except in a city where it is not
3 applicable, board of public works, 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district, and
4 such other officers or boards as are created by law or by the council. If one
5 alderperson from each aldermanic district is provided under s. 66.0211 (1), the
6 council may, by ordinance adopted by a two-thirds vote of all its members and
7 approved by the electors at ~~a general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065
8 (2), provide that there shall be 2 alderpersons from each aldermanic district. If a city
9 creates a combined protective services department under s. 62.13 (2e) (a) 1., it shall
10 create the office of chief of such a department and shall abolish the offices of chief of
11 police and chief of the fire department.

12 **SECTION 21.** 62.13 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 62.13 (6) (b) The provisions of this subsection shall apply only if adopted by the
14 electors. Whenever not less than 70 days prior to ~~a regular city~~ an election specified
15 under s. 8.065 (2) a petition therefor, conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 and
16 signed by electors equal in number to not less than ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the total vote
17 cast in the city for governor at the last general election, shall be filed with the clerk
18 as provided in s. 8.37, the clerk shall give notice in the manner of notice of the regular
19 city election of a referendum on the adoption of this subsection. Such referendum
20 election shall be held with ~~the regular city~~ an election, ~~and~~ authorized under s. 8.065
21 (2), the ballots shall conform with the provisions of ss. 5.64 (2) and 10.02, and the
22 question shall be “Shall s. 62.13 (6) of the statutes be adopted?”

23 **SECTION 22.** 64.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 64.03 (1) Every ordinance or resolution for the adoption of ss. 64.01 to 64.15,
25 and every petition for a ~~special~~ referendum election on the same, shall state the

1 number of members of which the council herein provided for shall be composed, the
2 term of office of its members, which term shall not exceed 2 years, whether they shall
3 be nominated and elected from aldermanic districts or from the city at large, and the
4 compensation, if any, which they shall receive.

5 **SECTION 23.** 64.39 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 64.39 (3) Upon filing such petition, the mayor shall, by proclamation, submit
7 the questions prescribed in sub. (1) at ~~a special~~ an election ~~to be held at a time~~
8 ~~specified therein and within 2 months after such petition is filed~~ authorized under
9 s. 8.065 (2). The election upon such question shall be conducted, the vote canvassed,
10 and the result declared in the same manner as provided by law for other city
11 elections.

12 **SECTION 24.** 66.0101 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 66.0101 (8) A charter ordinance enacted or approved by a vote of the electors
14 controls over any prior or subsequent act of the legislative body of the city or village.
15 If the electors of any city or village by a majority vote have adopted or determined
16 to continue to operate under either ch. 62 or 64, or have determined the method of
17 selection of members of the governing board, the question shall not again be
18 submitted to the electors, nor action taken on the question, within a period of 2 years.
19 Any election to change or amend the charter of any city or village, other than ~~a~~
20 ~~special~~ an election ~~as provided in~~ called under s. 9.20 (4), shall be held at the time
21 provided by statute for holding the spring election.

22 **SECTION 25.** 66.0211 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 66.0211 (1) ORDER. The circuit court's order for an incorporation referendum
24 shall specify the voting place and the date of the referendum, which shall be ~~not less~~
25 ~~than 6 weeks from the date of the order~~ scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2), and

1 name 3 inspectors of election. If the order is for a city incorporation referendum the
2 order shall further specify that 7 alderpersons shall be elected at large from the
3 proposed city. The city council at its first meeting shall determine the number and
4 boundaries of wards in compliance with s. 5.15 (1) and (2), and the combination of
5 wards into aldermanic districts. The number of alderpersons per aldermanic district
6 shall be determined by charter ordinance.

7 **SECTION 26.** 66.0213 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 66.0213 (6) REORGANIZATION OF CITY AS VILLAGE. If the population of any city falls
9 below 1,000 as determined by the United States census, the council may upon filing
10 of a petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 containing the signatures of
11 at least ~~15%~~ 15 percent of the electors submit at ~~any general or city~~ an election
12 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question whether the city shall reorganize as a
13 village. If three-fifths of the votes cast on the question are for reorganization the
14 mayor and council shall record the return in the office of the register of deeds, file a
15 certified copy with the clerk of the circuit court, and immediately call an election, to
16 be conducted as are village elections, for the election of village officers. Upon the
17 qualification of the officers, the board of trustees shall declare the city reorganized
18 as a village, and the reorganization is effective. The clerk shall certify a copy of the
19 declaration to the secretary of state who shall file the declaration and endorse a
20 memorandum of the declaration on the record of the certificate of incorporation of the
21 city. Rights and liabilities of the city continue in favor of or against the village.
22 Ordinances, so far as within the power of the village, remain in force until changed.

23 **SECTION 27.** 66.0215 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 66.0215 (2) REFERENDUM. At the next regular meeting of the town board
25 following the filing of the petition under sub. (1), the board by resolution shall provide

1 for a referendum by the electors of the town, which shall be scheduled in accordance
2 with s. 8.065 (2). The resolution shall conform to the requirements of s. 5.15 (1) and
3 (2) and shall determine the numbers and boundaries of each ward of the proposed
4 city and the time of voting, which may not be earlier than 6 weeks after the adoption
5 of the resolution. The resolution may direct that a census be taken of the resident
6 population of the territory on a day not more than 10 weeks previous to the date of
7 the election, exhibiting the name of every head of a family and the name of every
8 person who is a resident in good faith of the territory on that day, and the lot or
9 quarter section of land on which that person resides, which shall be verified by the
10 affixed affidavit of the person taking the census.

11 **SECTION 28.** 66.0217 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 66.0217 (3) (b) *Annexation by referendum.* A petition for a referendum on the
13 question of annexation may be filed with the city or village clerk signed by a number
14 of qualified electors residing in the territory equal to at least 20% 20 percent of the
15 votes cast for governor in the territory at the last gubernatorial election, and the
16 owners of at least 50% 50 percent of the real property either in area or assessed value.
17 The petition shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. The referendum shall be
18 scheduled in accordance with s. 8.065 (2).

19 **SECTION 29.** 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0217 (7) (a) 3. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum
21 on the question of annexation, the clerk of the city or village shall file the notice as
22 provided in s. 8.37. If the notice indicates that the petition is for a referendum on the
23 question of annexation, the town clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a
24 referendum of the electors residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at
25 the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days nor

1 ~~more than 100 days~~ after the date of personal service or mailing of the notice required
2 under this paragraph. If the notice indicates that the petition is for direct
3 annexation, no referendum shall be held unless within 30 days after the date of
4 personal service or mailing of the notice required under this paragraph, a petition
5 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting a referendum is filed with the
6 town clerk as provided in s. 8.37, signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors
7 residing in the area proposed to be annexed. If a petition requesting a referendum
8 is filed, the clerk shall give notice as provided in par. (c) of a referendum of the electors
9 residing in the area proposed for annexation to be held at the next election authorized
10 under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the
11 receipt of the petition, and shall mail a copy of the notice to the clerk of the city or
12 village to which the annexation is proposed. The referendum shall be held at a
13 convenient place within the town to be specified in the notice.

14 **SECTION 30.** 66.0217 (7) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 66.0217 (7) (d) *How conducted.* The referendum shall be conducted by the town
16 election officials ~~but the town board may reduce the number of election officials for~~
17 ~~that election.~~ The ballots shall contain the words “For annexation” and “Against
18 annexation” and shall otherwise conform to the provisions of s. 5.64 (2). The election
19 shall be conducted as are other town elections in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the
20 extent applicable.

21 **SECTION 31.** 66.0219 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 66.0219 (4) (b) The referendum election shall be held at the next election
23 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~
24 ~~days~~ after the filing of the order as provided in s. 8.37, in the territory proposed for
25 annexation, by the electors of that territory as provided in s. 66.0217 (7), so far as

1 applicable. The ballots shall contain the words “For Annexation” and “Against
2 Annexation”. The certification of the election inspectors shall be filed with the clerk
3 of the court, and the clerk of any municipality involved, but need not be filed or
4 recorded with the register of deeds.

5 **SECTION 32.** 66.0225 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 66.0225 (2) CONTESTED ANNEXATIONS. Any 2 municipalities whose boundaries
7 are immediately adjacent at any point and who are parties to an action, proceeding,
8 or appeal in court for the purpose of testing the validity of an annexation may enter
9 into a written stipulation, compromising and settling the litigation and determining
10 the portion of the common boundary line between the municipalities that is the
11 subject of the annexation. The court having jurisdiction of the litigation, whether the
12 circuit court, the court of appeals, or the supreme court, may enter a final judgment
13 incorporating the provisions of the stipulation and fixing the common boundary line
14 between the municipalities involved. A stipulation changing boundaries of
15 municipalities shall be approved by the governing body of each municipality and s.
16 66.0217 (9) and (11) shall apply. A change of municipal boundaries under this section
17 is subject to a referendum of the electors residing within the territory whose
18 jurisdiction is subject to change under the stipulation, if within 30 days after the
19 publication of the stipulation to change boundaries in a newspaper of general
20 circulation in that territory, a petition for a referendum conforming to the
21 requirements of s. 8.40 signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors residing
22 within that territory is filed with the clerk of the municipality from which the greater
23 area is proposed to be removed and is filed as provided in s. 8.37. The referendum
24 shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) and conducted as are

1 annexation referenda. If the referendum election fails, all proceedings under this
2 section are void.

3 **SECTION 33.** 66.0227 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 66.0227 (3) The governing body of a city, village, or town involved may, ~~or if~~
5 submit the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors
6 petitioned for detachment at a referendum election called for that purpose. If a
7 petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40, signed by a number of qualified
8 electors equal to at least ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the votes cast for governor in the city, village,
9 or town at the last gubernatorial election, and demanding a referendum, is presented
10 to it the governing body of a city, village, or town involved within 30 days after the
11 passage of either of the ordinances under sub. (2), the governing body shall, submit
12 the question to the electors of the city, village, or town whose electors petitioned for
13 detachment, at a referendum election called for that purpose. A referendum called
14 under this subsection shall be held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2)
15 that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after the filing of the
16 petition, or after the enactment of either ordinance. The petition shall be filed as
17 provided in s. 8.37. If a number of electors cannot be determined on the basis of
18 reported election statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance with s.
19 60.74 (6). The governing body of the municipality shall appoint 3 election inspectors
20 who are resident electors to supervise the referendum. The ballots shall contain the
21 words “For Detachment” and “Against Detachment”. The inspectors shall certify the
22 results of the election by their attached affidavits and file a copy with the clerk of each
23 town, village, or city involved, and none of the ordinances may take effect nor be in
24 force unless a majority of the electors approve the question. The referendum election
25 shall be conducted in accordance with chs. 6 and 7 to the extent applicable.

1 **SECTION 34.** 66.0305 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 66.0305 (6) (b) The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election
3 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~
4 ~~days~~ after adoption of the resolution under par. (a) calling for the referendum or not
5 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition under par. (a)
6 by the municipal or county clerk. The municipal or county clerk shall give notice of
7 the referendum by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the
8 political subdivision, both on the publication day next preceding the advisory
9 referendum election and one week prior to that publication date.

10 **SECTION 35.** 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 66.0307 (4) (e) 2. The advisory referendum shall be held at the next election
12 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100~~
13 ~~days~~ after adoption of the resolution under subd. 1. calling for the referendum or not
14 less than 70 days ~~nor more than 100 days~~ after receipt of the petition by the
15 municipal clerk. The municipal clerk shall give notice of the referendum by
16 publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, both
17 on the publication day next preceding the advisory referendum election and one
18 week prior to that publication date.

19 **SECTION 36.** 66.0602 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 66.0602 (4) (a) A political subdivision may exceed the levy increase limit under
21 sub. (2) if its governing body adopts a resolution to that effect and if the resolution
22 is ~~approved in~~ submitted to the electors of the political subdivision for approval or
23 rejection at a referendum. The resolution shall specify the proposed amount of
24 increase in the levy beyond the amount that is allowed under sub. (2), and shall
25 specify whether the proposed amount of increase is for the next fiscal year only or if

1 it will apply on an ongoing basis. ~~With regard to a referendum relating to the 2005~~
2 ~~levy, or any levy in an odd-numbered year thereafter, the political subdivision may~~
3 ~~call a special referendum for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors~~
4 ~~of the political subdivision for approval or rejection. With regard to a referendum~~
5 ~~relating to the 2006 levy, or any levy in an even-numbered year thereafter, the~~ The
6 political subdivision shall hold the referendum shall be held at the next succeeding
7 spring primary or election or partisan primary or general election authorized under
8 s. 8.065 (2).

9 **SECTION 37.** 66.0619 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 66.0619 (2m) (b) If a referendum is to be held on a resolution, the municipal
11 governing body shall file the resolution as provided in s. 8.37 and shall direct the
12 municipal clerk to ~~call a special election for the purpose of submitting~~ submit the
13 resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at a referendum ~~on approval or~~
14 ~~rejection. In lieu of a special election, the municipal governing body may specify that~~
15 ~~the election be held at the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan~~
16 ~~primary or general~~ held at the next election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

17 **SECTION 38.** 66.0815 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 66.0815 (1) (c) An ordinance under sub. (1) may not take effect until 60 days
19 after passage and publication unless sooner approved by a referendum. Within the
20 60-day period electors equal in number to ~~20%~~ 20 percent of those voting at the last
21 regular municipal election may file a petition requesting a referendum. The petition
22 shall be in writing and filed with the clerk and as provided in s. 8.37. The petition
23 shall conform to the requirements of s. 8.40. Each signer shall state his or her
24 residence and signatures shall be verified by the affidavit of an elector. The
25 referendum shall be held at ~~the next regular municipal~~ an election, ~~or at a special~~

1 ~~election within 90 days of the filing of the petition authorized under s. 8.065 (2).~~ The
2 ordinance may not take effect unless approved by a majority of the votes cast. This
3 paragraph does not apply to extensions by a utility previously franchised by the
4 village, city, or town.

5 **SECTION 39.** 66.0921 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 66.0921 (2) FACILITIES AUTHORIZED. A municipality may enter into a joint
7 contract with a nonprofit corporation organized for civic purposes and located in the
8 municipality to construct or otherwise acquire, equip, furnish, operate and maintain
9 a facility to be used for municipal and civic activities if a majority of the voters voting
10 in a referendum at ~~a special election or at a spring primary or election or partisan~~
11 ~~primary or general~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) approve the question of
12 entering into the joint contract.

13 **SECTION 40.** 66.1103 (10) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 66.1103 (10) (d) The governing body may issue bonds under this section
15 without submitting the proposition to the electors of the municipality or county for
16 approval unless within 30 days from the date of publication of notice of adoption of
17 the initial resolution for the bonds, a petition conforming to the requirements of s.
18 8.40, signed by not less than ~~5%~~ 5 percent of the registered electors of the
19 municipality or county, or, if there is no registration of electors in the municipality
20 or county, by ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the number of electors of the municipality or county
21 voting for the office of governor at the last general election as determined under s.
22 115.01 (13), is filed with the clerk of the municipality or county and as provided in
23 s. 8.37 requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the bonds. If
24 a petition is filed, the bonds may not be issued until approved by a majority of the

electors of the municipality or county voting on the referendum at ~~a general or special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

SECTION 41. 66.1113 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.1113 (2) (g) The village of Sister Bay may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Sister Bay is used by tourism-related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

SECTION 42. 66.1113 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.1113 (2) (h) The village of Ephraim may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution declaring itself to be a premier resort area under par. (a) even if less than 40 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property within Ephraim is used by tourism-related retailers. The village may not impose the tax authorized under par. (b) unless the village board adopts a resolution proclaiming its intent to impose the tax and the resolution is approved by a majority of the electors in the village voting on the resolution at a referendum, to be held at ~~the first spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election following authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that follows by at least 70 days the date of adoption of the resolution.

SECTION 43. 67.05 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 44. 67.05 (3) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 45. 67.05 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

1 67.05 (3) (f) If a special purpose district calls a referendum under this section,
2 ~~the governing body shall call the referendum~~ to be held in conjunction with ~~a state,~~
3 ~~county, municipal or judicial~~ an election, ~~the authorized under s. 8.065 (2).~~ The
4 polling places for the ~~state, county, municipal or judicial~~ election shall be the polling
5 places for the special purpose district referendum and the municipal election hours
6 shall apply. ~~If no state, county, municipal or judicial election is held on the day of the~~
7 ~~special purpose district referendum, the governing body of the special purpose~~
8 ~~district may select the polling places to be used, except as otherwise provided in s.~~
9 ~~120.06 (9) (b) in the case of a school district.~~ If a polling place located in the special
10 purpose district that was utilized at the most recent spring or general election is not
11 utilized by the special purpose district, the governing body of the special purpose
12 district shall ~~post a notice on the door of the polling place indicating all polling places~~
13 ~~open for voting.~~ The municipal clerk of each municipality in which a polling place
14 is located shall provide the necessary equipment to operate the polling place.

15 **SECTION 46.** 67.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

16 67.05 (4) PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM IN COUNTIES. If a county board adopts an
17 initial resolution for an issue of county bonds to provide for the original construction
18 or for the improvement and maintenance of highways; to provide railroad aid; or to
19 construct, acquire, or maintain, or to aid in constructing, acquiring, or maintaining,
20 a bridge over or across any stream or other body of water bordering upon or
21 intersecting any part of the county, the county clerk is not required to submit the
22 resolution for approval to the electors of the county at a ~~special election~~ referendum
23 unless within 30 days after the adoption thereof there is filed with the clerk a petition
24 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 requesting such submission, signed by
25 electors numbering at least ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the votes cast in the county for

1 governor at the last general election. If a petition is filed, the county board shall hold
2 the referendum at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and the question
3 submitted shall be whether the resolution shall be or shall not be approved. No such
4 resolution of a county board other than those specified in this subsection need be
5 submitted to county electors, except as provided otherwise in sub. (7).

6 **SECTION 47.** 67.05 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 67.05 (5) (a) Whenever a town board adopts an initial resolution ~~has been so~~
8 ~~adopted by the governing body of a town~~, the town clerk of the municipality shall
9 immediately record the resolution and shall call a special election referendum for the
10 purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the ~~municipality~~ town for
11 approval. ~~This paragraph does not apply to bonds issued to finance low-interest~~
12 ~~mortgage loans under s. 62.237, unless a number of electors equal to at least 15% of~~
13 ~~the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their town sign and file a~~
14 ~~petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 with the town clerk requesting~~
15 ~~submission of the resolution. Whenever a number of electors cannot be determined~~
16 ~~on the basis of reported statistics, the number shall be determined in accordance~~
17 ~~with s. 60.74 (6). If a petition is filed, the question submitted shall be whether the~~
18 ~~resolution shall or shall not be approved~~ or rejection. The referendum shall be held
19 at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2). This paragraph is limited in its scope
20 by sub. (7).

21 **SECTION 48.** 67.05 (5) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 67.05 (5) (b) 1. and
22 amended to read:

23 67.05 (5) (b) 1. No city or village may issue bonds for any purposes other than
24 for water systems; lighting works; gas works; bridges; street lighting; street
25 improvements; street improvement funding; hospitals; airports; harbor

1 improvements; river improvements; breakwaters and protection piers; sewerage;
2 garbage disposal; rubbish or refuse disposal; any combination of sewage, garbage,
3 or refuse or rubbish disposal; parks and public grounds; swimming pools and band
4 shells; veterans housing projects; paying the municipality's portion of the cost of
5 abolishing grade crossings; for the construction of police facilities and combined fire
6 and police safety buildings; for the purchase of sites for engine houses; for fire
7 engines and other equipment of the fire department; for construction of engine
8 houses; and for pumps, water mains, reservoirs and all other reasonable facilities
9 for fire protection apparatus or equipment for fire protection; for parking lots or
10 other parking facilities; for school purposes; for libraries; for buildings for the
11 housing of machinery and equipment; for acquiring and developing sites for
12 industry and commerce as will expand the municipal tax base; subject to subd. 2.,
13 for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237; for providing
14 financial assistance to blight elimination, slum clearance, community development,
15 redevelopment, and urban renewal programs and projects under ss. 66.1105,
16 66.1301 to 66.1329, and 66.1331 to 66.1337; to issue appropriation bonds under s.
17 62.62 to pay unfunded prior service liability with respect to an employee retirement
18 system; or for University of Wisconsin System college campuses, as defined in s.
19 36.05 (6m), until the proposition for their issue for the special purpose has been
20 submitted to the electors of the city or village and adopted by a majority vote. Except
21 as provided under sub. (15), if the common council of a city or the village board of a
22 village declares its purpose to raise money by issuing bonds for any purpose other
23 than those specified in this subsection, it shall direct by resolution, which shall be
24 recorded at length in the record of its proceedings, the clerk to call a ~~special election~~
25 referendum for the purpose of submitting the question of bonding to the city or

1 village electors. If The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s.
2 8.065 (2).

3 2. If the governing body of a municipality, as defined in s. 62.237 (1) (d), adopts
4 an initial resolution to issue bonds for financing the cost of low-interest loans under
5 s. 62.237 and a number of electors of a city or village that municipality equal to at
6 least 15% 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their
7 city or village that municipality sign and file a petition conforming to the
8 requirements of s. 8.40 with the city or village clerk of that municipality requesting
9 submission of the resolution, the city or village that municipality may not issue
10 bonds for financing the cost of low-interest mortgage loans under s. 62.237 without
11 calling a special election to submit referendum for the purposes of submitting the
12 question of bonding to the city or village electors of that municipality for their
13 approval. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).

14 **SECTION 49.** 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

15 67.05 (6a) (a) 2. a. Direct the school district clerk to ~~call a special election for~~
16 ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the resolution to the electors for approval or
17 rejection, ~~or direct that the resolution be submitted at the next regularly scheduled~~
18 ~~primary or an election to be held~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not earlier
19 than 45 days after the adoption of the resolution. The resolution shall not be effective
20 unless adopted by a majority of the school district electors voting at the referendum.

21 **SECTION 50.** 67.05 (6m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 67.05 (6m) (b) If a referendum is to be held on an initial resolution, the district
23 board shall direct the technical college district secretary to ~~call a special election for~~
24 ~~the purpose of submitting~~ submit the initial resolution to the electors for ~~a~~
25 ~~referendum on approval or rejection~~ at an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2). In

1 ~~lieu of a special election, the district board may specify that the election be held at~~
2 ~~the next succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~
3 ~~election.~~

4 **SECTION 51.** 67.10 (5) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 67.10 (5) (b) Any city having ~~voted~~ approved the issuance of bonds at a ~~special~~
6 ~~referendum election~~ held in accordance with s. 8.065 (2) and having sold a portion
7 thereof may negotiate, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same in the manner provided
8 by statute within 9 years of the date of the ~~election voting~~ referendum approving the
9 same.

10 **SECTION 52.** 67.12 (12) (e) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 67.12 (12) (e) 2. Unless the purpose and amount of the borrowing have been
12 approved by the electors under s. 67.05 (6a) or deemed approved by the electors under
13 s. 67.05 (7) (d) 3., the purpose is to refund any outstanding municipal obligation, the
14 purpose is to pay unfunded prior service liability contributions under the Wisconsin
15 retirement system if all of the proceeds of the note will be used for that purpose, the
16 borrowing would not be subject to a referendum as a bond issue under s. 67.05 (7) (cc),
17 (h) or (i), or subd. 2g. or par. (f) or (h) applies, the school district clerk shall, within
18 10 days after a school board adopts a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory
19 note in excess of \$5,000, publish notice of such adoption as a class 1 notice, under ch.
20 985. Alternatively, the notice may be posted as provided under s. 10.05. The notice
21 need not set forth the full contents of the resolution, but shall state the maximum
22 amount proposed to be borrowed, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was
23 adopted under this subsection, and the place where, and the hours during which, the
24 resolution may be inspected. If, within 30 days after publication or posting, a petition
25 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the school district clerk for a

1 referendum on the resolution signed by at least 7,500 electors of the district or at
2 least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the number of district electors voting for governor at the last
3 general election, as determined under s. 115.01 (13), whichever is the lesser, then the
4 resolution shall not be effective unless adopted by a majority of the district electors
5 voting at the referendum. The referendum shall be held at an election authorized
6 under s. 8.065 (2) and called in the manner provided under s. 67.05 (6a), except that
7 the question which appears on the ballot shall be “Shall (name of district) borrow
8 the sum of \$.... for (state purpose) by issuing its general obligation promissory note
9 (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin Statutes?”.

10 **SECTION 53.** 67.12 (12) (e) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

11 67.12 (12) (e) 5. Within 10 days of the adoption by a technical college district
12 board of a resolution under subd. 1. to issue a promissory note for a purpose under
13 s. 38.16 (2), the secretary of the district board shall publish a notice of such adoption
14 as a class 1 notice, under ch. 985. The notice need not set forth the full contents of
15 the resolution, but shall state the amount proposed to be borrowed, the method of
16 borrowing, the purpose thereof, that the resolution was adopted under this
17 subsection and the place where and the hours during which the resolution is
18 available for public inspection. If the amount proposed to be borrowed is for building
19 remodeling or improvement and does not exceed \$1,500,000 or is for movable
20 equipment, the district board need not submit the resolution to the electors for
21 approval unless, within 30 days after the publication or posting, a petition
22 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the secretary of the district
23 board requesting a referendum ~~at a special election to be called for that purpose.~~
24 Such petition shall be signed by electors from each county lying wholly or partially
25 within the district. The number of electors from each county shall equal at least 1.5%

1 1.5 percent of the population of the county as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c). If a
2 county lies in more than one district, the technical college system board shall
3 apportion the county's population as determined under s. 16.96 (2) (c) to the districts
4 involved and the petition shall be signed by electors equal to the appropriate
5 percentage of the apportioned population. ~~In lieu of a special election, the~~ The
6 district board ~~may specify that~~ shall hold the referendum ~~shall be held~~ at the next
7 ~~succeeding spring primary or election or partisan primary or general~~ an election
8 authorized under s. 8.065 (2). Any resolution to borrow amounts of money in excess
9 of \$1,500,000 for building remodeling or improvement shall be submitted to the
10 electors of the district for approval. If a referendum is held or required under this
11 subdivision, no promissory note may be issued until the issuance is approved by a
12 majority of the district electors voting at such referendum. The referendum shall be
13 noticed, called, and conducted under s. 67.05 (6a) insofar as applicable, except that
14 ~~the notice of special election and ballot need not embody a copy of the resolution and~~
15 ~~the~~ question which shall appear on the ballot shall be "Shall (name of district) be
16 authorized to borrow the sum of \$.... for (state purpose) by issuing its general
17 obligation promissory note (or notes) under section 67.12 (12) of the Wisconsin
18 Statutes?"

19 **SECTION 54.** 82.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 82.03 (2) (b) The town board, by resolution, submits to the electors of the town
21 as a referendum at ~~a general or special town~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065
22 (2) the question of exceeding the limit set under this subsection. A copy of the
23 resolution shall be filed as provided in s. 8.37. The board shall abide by the majority
24 vote of the electors of the town on the question. The question shall read as follows:

1 Shall the town of spend up to \$.... over, which is the annual limit of the
2 product of \$5,000 multiplied by the miles of highway under the jurisdiction of the
3 town measured by the most recent highway mileage for the town, as determined
4 under section 86.302 of the Wisconsin Statutes, for the construction, maintenance,
5 and repair of its highways and bridges?

6 FOR SPENDING ☐ AGAINST SPENDING ☐

7 **SECTION 55.** 86.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 86.21 (2) (a) Before any such toll bridge is constructed or acquired under this
9 section, a resolution authorizing the construction or acquisition thereof, and
10 specifying the method of payment therefor, shall be adopted by a majority of the
11 members of the governing body of such county, town, village, or city at a regular
12 meeting, after publication of said resolution, as a class 2 notice, under ch. 985. The
13 resolution shall include a general description of the property it is proposed to acquire
14 or construct. Any county, town, village, or city constructing or acquiring a toll bridge
15 under this section may provide for the payment of the same or any part thereof from
16 the general fund, from taxation, or from the proceeds of either municipal bonds, or
17 revenue bonds or as otherwise provided by law. Such resolution shall not be effective
18 until 15 days after its passage and publication. If, within said 15 days, a petition
19 conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 ~~is filed with the clerk of such municipality,~~
20 ~~and filed as provided in s. 8.37,~~ signed by at least ~~20%~~ 20 percent of the electors
21 thereof of the municipality, and requesting that the question of acquiring such toll
22 bridge be submitted to the said electors, ~~such is filed with the clerk of the~~
23 municipality as provided in s. 8.37, the question shall be submitted at the next
24 ~~general or regular municipal election~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that is held not
25 sooner than 70 days from the date of filing such petition. The question submitted to

1 the electors shall specify the method of payment for such toll bridge as provided in
2 the resolution for the acquisition thereof. If no such petition is filed, or if the majority
3 of votes cast at such referendum election are in favor of the acquisition of such toll
4 bridge, then the resolution of the governing body for the acquisition of such toll
5 bridge shall be in effect.

6 **SECTION 56.** 92.11 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 92.11 (4) (c) *Wording of ballot question; procedure.* The county board shall
8 include the wording of the question to be placed before the electors in the referendum
9 as a part of the ordinance adopted under this section or the revision to an ordinance
10 adopted under this section. Upon the adoption of the ordinance or revision the county
11 board shall forward a copy of the ordinance or revision to the county clerk who shall
12 cause the question to be placed before the voters of the affected area in the next
13 ~~spring or general election occurring~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not less
14 than 70 days after the adoption of the ordinance or revision. The form of the ballot
15 shall correspond substantially to the form prescribed under s. 5.64 (2).

16 **SECTION 57.** 117.20 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 117.20 (2) The clerk of each affected school district shall publish notice, as
18 required under s. 8.55 10.06 (4), in the territory of that school district. The
19 procedures for school board elections under s. 120.06 (9), (11), (13), and (14) apply to
20 a referendum held under this section. The school board and school district clerk of
21 each affected school district shall each perform, for that school district, the functions
22 assigned to the school board and the school district clerk, respectively, under those
23 subsections. The form of the ballot shall correspond to the form prescribed by the
24 government accountability board under ss. 5.64 (2) and 7.08 (1) (a). The clerk of each
25 affected school district shall file with the secretary of the board a certified statement

1 prepared by the school district board of canvassers of the results of the referendum
2 in that school district.

3 **SECTION 58.** 119.48 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 119.48 (4) (b) The communication shall state the purposes for which the funds
5 from the increase in the levy rate will be used and shall request the common council
6 to submit to the voters of the city the question of exceeding the levy rate specified in
7 s. 65.07 (1) (f) ~~at the September election or a special~~ an election authorized under s.
8 8.065 (2).

9 **SECTION 59.** 119.48 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 119.48 (4) (c) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file
11 the communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of exceeding
12 the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) to be submitted to the voters of the city
13 ~~at the September election or at a special~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2).
14 The question of exceeding the levy rate specified under s. 65.07 (1) (f) shall be
15 submitted so that the vote upon exceeding the levy rate specified in s. 65.07 (1) (f) is
16 taken separately from any other question submitted to the voters. If a majority of
17 the electors voting on the question favors exceeding the levy rate specified under s.
18 65.07 (1) (f), the common council shall approve the increase in the levy rate and shall
19 levy and collect a tax equal to the amount of money approved by the electors.

20 **SECTION 60.** 119.49 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 119.49 (1) (b) The communication shall state the amount of funds needed under
22 par. (a) and the purposes for which the funds will be used and shall request the
23 common council to submit to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~
24 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) the question of issuing school bonds in the amount and
25 for the purposes stated in the communication.

1 **SECTION 61.** 119.49 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 119.49 (2) Upon receipt of the communication, the common council shall file the
3 communication as provided in s. 8.37 and shall cause the question of issuing such
4 school bonds in the stated amount and for the stated school purposes to be submitted
5 to the voters of the city at the next election ~~held in the city~~ authorized under s. 8.065
6 (2). The question of issuing such school bonds shall be submitted so that the vote
7 upon issuing such school bonds is taken separately from any other question
8 submitted to the voters. If a majority of the electors voting on the school bond
9 question favors issuing such school bonds, the common council shall cause the school
10 bonds to be issued immediately or within the period permitted by law, in the amount
11 requested by the board and in the manner other bonds are issued.

12 **SECTION 62.** 121.91 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 121.91 (3) (a) If a school board wishes to exceed the limit under sub. (2m)
14 otherwise applicable to the school district in any school year, it shall promptly adopt
15 a resolution supporting inclusion in the final school district budget of an amount
16 equal to the proposed excess revenue. The resolution shall specify whether the
17 proposed excess revenue is for a recurring or nonrecurring purpose, or, if the
18 proposed excess revenue is for both recurring and nonrecurring purposes, the
19 amount of the proposed excess revenue for each purpose. The resolution shall be filed
20 as provided in s. 8.37. Within 10 days after adopting the resolution, the school board
21 shall submit a copy of the resolution to the department and shall notify the
22 department of the scheduled date of the referendum ~~and submit a copy of the~~
23 ~~resolution to the department. The school board shall call a special referendum to be~~
24 called for the purpose of submitting the resolution to the electors of the school district
25 for approval or rejection. ~~In lieu of a special referendum, the school board may~~

1 ~~specify that the~~ The referendum shall be held at the next succeeding ~~spring primary~~
2 ~~or election or partisan primary or general election, if such election is to be held~~
3 authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that occurs not sooner than 70 days after the filing of
4 the resolution of the school board. The school district clerk shall certify the results
5 of the referendum to the department within 10 days after the referendum is held.

6 **SECTION 63.** 197.04 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 197.04 (1) (b) If within either of the 90-day periods described in par. (a) a
8 petition conforming to the requirements of s. 8.40 is filed with the clerk of the
9 municipality as provided in s. 8.37 and the petition has been signed by ~~5%~~ 5 percent
10 of the electors of a 1st class city or by ~~10%~~ 10 percent of the electors of all other
11 municipalities requesting that the question of discontinuing the proceeding to
12 acquire the plant or equipment of the public utility be submitted to the electors of the
13 municipality, the applicable question under par. (c) shall be submitted to the electors
14 at ~~any general or regular municipal~~ an election authorized under s. 8.065 (2) that
15 is held not less than 70 ~~and not more than 75~~ days from the date of the filing of the
16 petition. ~~If no general election or regular municipal election is to be held within the~~
17 ~~stated periods, the governing body of the municipality shall order the holding of a~~
18 ~~special election, to be held not less than 70 days from the date of filing of the petition,~~
19 ~~for the purpose of submitting the question to the electors.~~

20 **SECTION 64.** 197.04 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

21 197.04 (2) The governing body of the municipality may provide for notice of,
22 the manner of holding, the method of voting on, the method of making returns of, and
23 the method of canvassing and determining the result of, the election required under
24 sub. (1). Notice of the election to the electors shall be given by a brief notice of that
25 fact once a week for 3 weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in

1 the municipality. If no newspaper of general circulation is published in the
2 municipality, publication may be made in any newspaper of general circulation in the
3 county seat of the county in which the municipality is located. ~~The notice of holding~~
4 ~~any special election shall be incorporated as a part of the notice given under this~~
5 ~~subsection.~~

6 **SECTION 65.** 197.10 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 197.10 (2) Such contract when adopted by the common council of said city and
8 accepted by the owner or owners of such public utility shall be submitted to the public
9 service commission for its approval and upon such approval the same shall be filed
10 as provided in s. 8.37 and submitted in such manner as the common council shall
11 determine to a vote of the electors of such city at the next ~~regular municipal~~ election
12 ~~or at a special election called for that purpose~~ authorized under s. 8.065 (2), and such
13 contract shall not become binding upon such city until approved by a majority vote
14 of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon. No bonds shall in any case be
15 issued by said city under the contract or contracts mentioned in sub. (1), until the
16 proposition of their issue shall have been submitted to the people of such city and
17 adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

18 **SECTION 66.** 198.19 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 198.19 (1) Any territory, constituting one or more municipalities contiguous to
20 a district, may be annexed to and become a part of such district to all intents and
21 purposes and with like effect as though originally included therein upon such terms
22 and conditions as the board of directors of the district shall fix by ordinance adopted
23 by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the directors-elect, provided that before such
24 ordinance becomes effective the same shall be accepted and ratified by the
25 affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors entitled to vote and voting in

1 a ~~special election~~ referendum called and held for that purpose, at an election
2 authorized under s. 8.065 (2), in each municipality proposed in such ordinance to be
3 annexed to the district. Such ordinance shall be published and such election shall
4 be noticed, held, and conducted, as nearly as may be, in the manner provided by this
5 chapter for the noticing, holding, and conduct of elections upon the organization of
6 a municipal power district, except that the returns of such election and the ballots
7 therein shall be delivered to the clerk of the district. The results of said election shall
8 be canvassed publicly by the directors of the district.

9 **SECTION 67. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to a referendum called or scheduled on the effective
11 date of this subsection.

12 (END)